

Claims as Amended:

1. Candle filter element for assembly in a pressurized container, comprising a support body disposed around a central tube (3) with a closed surface, over which a filter cloth (5) is stretched, wherein the support body is formed as a multi-lobed sheath element (4), wherein the sheath element (4) is arranged around the central tube (3) and the curves described by the sheath element (4) are semicircles.
2. Candle filter element according to claim 1, wherein the surface of the sheath element (4) has openings (7).
3. Candle filter element according to claim 2, wherein the openings (7) are circular.
4. Candle filter element according to claim 2, wherein the openings (7) are formed as slits.
5. Candle filter element according to claim 4, wherein the openings formed as slits (7) form an angle α of less than 120° with the axis of the sheath element (4).

Amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. Candle filter element for assembly in a pressurized container, [consisting of] comprising a support body disposed around a central tube (3) with a closed surface, over which a filter cloth (5) is stretched, wherein the support body is formed as a multi-lobed sheath element (4), [characterized in that] wherein the sheath element (4) is arranged around the central tube (3) and the curves described by the sheath element (4) are semicircles.

2. Candle filter element according to [Claim] claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the surface of the sheath element (4) has openings (7).

3. Candle filter element according to [Claim] claim 2, [characterized in that] wherein the openings (7) are circular.

4. Candle filter element according to [Claim] claim 2, [characterized in that] wherein the openings (7) are formed as slits.

5. Candle filter element according to [Claim] claim 4, [characterized in that] wherein the openings formed as slits (7) form[s] an angle α of less than 120° with the axis of the sheath element (4).